WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

World Bank seeking coal price hike

*306. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in Telegraph on 1st January, 1986 captioned "World Bank seeks coal price hike";

(b) whether it is a fact that World Bank had insisted on coal price rise;

(c) how much additional income the Coal India Limited would earn as a result of the price increase of coal announced recently;

(d) to what extent the price rise would help in reducing the loss of the Coal India Limited; and

(e) whether the Eastern Coalfields Limited have incurred any loss in the current year, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Additional revenue accrual to Coal India Limited on account of recent price revision is estimated to be about Rs. 103.00 crores for the period from 9-1-1986 to 31-3-1986 and about Rs. 367.00 crores during the year 1986-87.

(d) Coal India Limited's losses will be reduced to the extent as above.

(e) Eastern Coalfields Limited is expected to suffer certain losses during the current year, the extent of which will be known after the closing of the financial year 1985-86.

Agreement between Bihar Government and TISCO to run Dalmia Industries

*309. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR.

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar had signed an agreement with the TISCO on 1st September, 1985 to run the Dalmia Industries at Dehri-on-Sone on certain conditions and had sent the same for the approval of the Central Government;

(b whether it is also a fact that Central Government did not approve of those conditions of agreement; and

(c) whether the State Government have suggested some new proposals; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Profits/losses in Public Sector Undertakings

*310. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Public Sector Undertakings (with names in the country;

(b) what were the profits/losses of these Public Sector Undertakings during the years from 1981-82 to 1984-85, separately;

(c) what are the major causes indentified for the losses and what precise measures have been taken by Government to make the losing undertaking economically viable; and

(d) how many Public Sector Undertakings are without Chairman and/or Managing Director?